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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 28, 2003
9:00 A.M.

The City Council met at the above place and date at approximately 12:12 p.m. Mayor Raymond C. Caballero present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Rose Rodriguez, Larry M. Medina, John F. Cook, Daniel S. Power, Paul J. Escobar, Luis G. Sariñana and Anthony Cobos. Absent: Jan Sumrall.

AGENDA

1. Resolution authorizing submissions under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) Reauthorization Bill by the City of El Paso for the Regional Intermodal Rail Project as follows: (1) for Federal Demonstration Funds as a line item for a Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan in the amount of \$1,000,000 to reimburse the City for funds expended for project planning; and (2) for a multi-year funding request for the Project as a generic provision in the amount of \$25,000,000 to \$40,000,000 per year for the anticipated six-year reauthorization period; as recommended by Moffatt & Nichol Engineers (City Consultant), and approved by the Transportation Policy Board of the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Mayor shall be authorized to sign any and all related documentation required for submission of the federal funding requests for the Project; and the Director of Planning, and any designated representative of the City Transportation Committee, shall be authorized to assist in the submission preparation and funding advocacy as may be necessary.
2. **APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF CITY PARKS/STREETS & SIDEWALKS**
Request by the El Paso Building Trades to hold a demonstration on January 31, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 7155 Industrial. Approximately 50 persons will take part and 50 spectators are anticipated. [Arturo Avila]

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in February 2003, the United States Congress will commence the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21); and

WHEREAS, funding under the reauthorization bill for transportation projects will be a nationally competitive process with each community proposing various transportation initiatives for their region; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso supports the concepts of the Regional Intermodal Rail Project which proposes realignment and improvement of major rail and highway corridors and associated facilities within the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso proposes the submission for requests for federal funding under the reauthorization bill to support the concepts of the Regional Intermodal Rail Project as recommended by MOFFATT & NICHOL ENGINEERS, consultants to the City; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2003, the Transportation Policy Board of the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization approved the City's request to amend the 2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to include the Regional Intermodal Rail Project, as well as the funding submission requests for a federal demonstration grant and a multi-year federal earmark for the Project under the reauthorization bill; and

WHEREAS, an integrated long-range transportation program of rail and highway improvements within the region is vital to the prosperity of the community, and furthers the policies expressed in the City's comprehensive plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. That the El Paso City Council does hereby authorize the submissions under the TEA-21 Reauthorization Bill by the City for the Regional Intermodal Rail Project as follows:
 - (1) For Federal Demonstration Funds as a line item for a Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan in the amount of \$1,000,000 to reimburse the City for funds expended for project planning; and
 - (2) For a multi-year funding request for the Project as a generic provision in the amount of \$25,000,000 to \$40,000,000 per year for the anticipated six-year reauthorization period.
- 2. That the Mayor be authorized to sign any and all related documents that may be required for submission of the federal funding requests under the TEA-21 Reauthorization Bill to the U.S. Congress.
- 3. That the Director of Planning, and any designated representative of the City Transportation Committee, be authorized to assist in the submission preparation and funding advocacy as may be necessary.

Ms. Pat Aauto, Director of Planning, Research and Development, gave a PowerPoint presentation and presented a Draft Staff Report (on file in the City Clerk's Office) with the particulars of the Regional Intermodal Rail Project. She explained that they are seeking Council's approval to submit for federal funding.

Mayor Caballero and Representatives Cook and Sariñana commented.

Mayor Caballero thanked City staff, contractors and Council for addressing the largest project ever contemplated, addressing the past and not forgetting the future. He also thanked the community for the support.

Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Cobos and unanimously carried to approve the above Resolution and to direct the City Attorney's Office to draft a related Resolution for submission to the United States Congress.

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Motion made by Representative Sariñana, seconded by Representative Cobos and unanimously carried to move to the forefront of the regular agenda of the special meeting the request of the El Paso Building Trades to hold a demonstration on January 31, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 7155 Industrial. Approximately 50 persons will take part and 50 spectators are anticipated.

The City Clerk called for public comment. There was no public comment.

Motion made by Representative Sariñana, seconded by Representative Cobos and unanimously carried to approve the request of the El Paso Building Trades to hold a demonstration on January 31, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 7155 Industrial. Approximately 50 persons will take part and 50 spectators are anticipated. [Arturo Avila]

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Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Cobos and unanimously carried to adjourn this special meeting at 12:35 p.m.

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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk